

## David Boag - New Associate Director

At the Halton District School Board meeting on November 18, Trustees voted unanimously in favour of the appointment of David Boag as the Board's new Associate Director, effective December 1. This fills the vacancy left when former Associate Director Stuart Miller was appointed to the role of Director of Education in October.

"The high caliber of the candidates who came forward willing to take on this role made the decision a difficult one," says Stuart Miller, Director of Education for the Halton District School Board. "David has been an integral part of our senior administrative team, and his commitment to students, as well as a comprehensive yet com-

passionate approach to problem-solving while recognizing the needs of the student and school communities will continue to serve this Board well."

David Boag's Halton teaching career began in 1988 at Lester B. Pearson and Queen Elizabeth Park High Schools, before he took on the role of Department Head at Lord Elgin and EC Drury High Schools. His administrative experience as Vice Principal at MM Robinson, Robert Bateman, Lord Elgin and EC Drury High Schools prepared him for a lead role in the Board's Learning to 18 Initiative. As principal, David was able to utilize this experience at Robert Bateman and at Gary Allan High School where

he focused on alternative and adult education. He was also instrumental in developing strategies to re-engage students to return to school – a successful program that continues to offer graduation opportunities to returning students to this day.

David was appointed as Superintendent of Education in 2009 with responsibility for Student Services, and as Superintendent of Education with responsibility for School Programs (secondary) and Student Success this past year. As Superintendent, David was also instrumental in the development and implementation of the Employability Skills and Community Skills Certificates, and the Board's Mental Health strategy.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges and opportunities in this new role," says David Boag. "I am very excited to continue working with a very talented senior administrative team and Board of Trustees to support all our staff in creating conditions to improve student learning and well-being."

## Kick starting holiday shopping at Home Hardware's Ladies Night



Leslie Brior making bows with Karen Turner

By: Dawn Brown

Local ladies got a jump on their holiday shopping this past Wednesday, November 18 at Home Hardware's annual Ladies Night. The two hour event, running after regular business hours from 7

to 9 p.m., has been a yearly affair for approximately fifteen years and is open to women only.

"Women like to come out and shop and have fun," said owner Valerie Manes. Ladies Night always takes place during the month of November,

which Manes explained is a great way to kick start to the Christmas Season.

"It gives people some Christmas shopping ideas for gifts, entertaining, decorating," Manes added.

The evening included demonstrations like Kuraidori Wine's chill stick and aerator—products exclusive to Home Hardware—store staff teaching bow making, Bird Studies Canada, local author John McDonald signing his books, a paint expert and many more, as well as raffles and great shopping deals.

Store manager Jeff Hilliard explained that this was the first year that they had included a fundraiser for Ladies Night. While previous in years attendees were encouraged to make a food bank donation, this year tickets for the event were five dollars with all proceeds going to Austin's Kick Cancer in the Face, a local boy who is fighting Leukemia. Manes, who was thrilled with the turnout even early in the evening, stated that they usually have about 100 women attend.

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